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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
FRANÇOIS GUGUMUS

Group Art Unit: 1714  
Examiner: V. P. Hoke

APPLICATION NO: not yet assigned  
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FOR: SYNERGISTIC STABILIZER MIXTURE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment in this continuation application for entry and consideration. This application is filed with the intent of entering into an interference with U.S. Pat. No. 5,658,973 to Raspanti.

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert on page 1, between lines 1 and 2 (after the title), the following new paragraph:

This is a continuation of application No. 09/275,859, filed Mar. 24, 1999, which is a divisional of application No. 08/858,191, filed Apr. 21, 1997, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,015,849, which is a continuation of application No. 08/588,164, filed Jan. 18, 1996, abandoned.